

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

450 Child Street, Warren Office, Boardroom, Warren, RI

Pursuant to proper notice, the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Jannitto at 9:40 pm, in the Warren Office, Boardroom, Warren, Rhode Island. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

David Dugan, William Gosselin, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, John McElroy, Lloyd Matsumoto, Frank Nencka, Joseph Rego and Frank Sylvia

Director Klepper asked how long it would take to get the information to Mr. Black.

Executive Director DeLise stated that there is a cost involved, within 7 days.

Director Gosselin stated that range for the increase was 9 – 12%. Not in any position to vote tonight after this hearing.

Director Klepper – BCWA should invite Gary Morse to give us further information and present it to our actuaries. We should act quickly. The presentation tonight was thorough, but we need more explanation of required funds needed for the Board. We're dealing with \$7.5 million, the money is not being spent by the Board with our eyes closed. I am not ready to vote tonight.

Chairman Jannitto stated that there is a timetable.

Mr. Webster Goodwin stated that a vote is needed by March 1st.

Director Klepper stated that there is a lot of data. We need another meeting to get feedback from our actuaries looking at the pension plan.

Director McElroy agreed with Director Klepper's comments. He stated that he had learned a lot at the Barrington Town Council Meeting. A meeting should be held on the 17th.

Executive Director DeLise stated that we can have a Special Meeting.

Director Klepper stated that he would like information from Mr. Morse

and a response from our actuary. Also stated that he would like a copy of the means test from Bristol, freezing the senior discount.

Director Dugan stated that seniors on a fixed income will now have their senior discount taken away.

Director Klepper stated that it could be done over several years.

Director Gosselin stated that we should cut the senior discount and any other expenses to keep our rate increase modest.

Director Sylvia stated that the cuts would be in the O&M Budget. We should accept the O&M Budget as presented, it's 0.5% more than last year. Give direction to Staff not to encumber big ticket items.

Director Rego stated that a 3 month rate increase could be approved.

Director Sylvia stated that everyone should be prepared to vote on the 17th for the rate increase.

Director Gosselin stated that he needs more information. Ask Staff to explore solutions on how to meet goals. Passing a 9% increase may not be enough.

Director Sylvia stated that both budgets are based on historical data. It was a perfect storm in 2009 and we are making up the shortfall in

2010. We have to have faith the Staff did a good job.

Director Dugan – no one wants an increase, but we're trying to do the right thing. We have to keep this business on its feet. The only choice is to go for a rate increase. We are delaying the inevitable.

Executive Director DeLise stated that the minimum increase would be 9%.

Director Nencka stated that there were some good points tonight.

Director Klepper made the following motion, which was duly seconded

MOTION: Hold off on voting for the Budgets and the rate increase until 2/17/10.

Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm

John L. McElroy, Jr.

BCWA Secretary